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XMAS TRIP IS IMPOSSIBLE

Musical Clubs Rapidly rounding into Shape—Winter Trip Possible—Western Easter Trip.

Judging from the progress made so far by the Musical Clubs in their constant practice, the fear that the College would ill be represented this winter should no longer continue. Nor has the Manager been less industrious than his charges. While as yet all plans for trips must be purely tentative, Manager Boone has divulged some information regarding his plans. No Christmas trip will be taken, but a winter trip, if the Faculty will concede the necessary one day's cuts in connection with Washington's Birthday, will make New York its objective. This will leave the entire Easter vacation open for a trip west, which it is hoped will include Seneca Falls or Albion, Rochester, Jamestown, Westfield and Warren and Ashtabula, Ohio.

Whether the $800 guarantee from Kansas City, or anxious Alumni in Chicago will induce the manager to take the Clubs to those ciites is not yet certain. There will be the usual concert Junior Week, Tuesday afternoon possibly, and a concert in Clinton sometime in January, but no one night stands or joint concerts with other colleges will be attempted.

The Clubs are practicing faithfully and will, if possible, enjoy professional coaching. A fine accompaniment for the Barcarolle has been arranged by Leader Eells, and the ever-faithful Purdy, '06, is composing a tutti-frutti. Knox is working on his solos, Thompson is rehearsing a negro melody with Glee Club accompaniment, and DuBois and Peters are substituting in the quartette in the absence of Gouge and Sidle. Candidates for monologist should report at once. For the rest of the semester the Glee Club will practice in Commons Hall Monday at 7:30, Wednesday at 7:15, and Friday at 7:20, with extra afternoon practices, while the Mandolin Club will meet in Silliman Hall, for the present, on Monday, Thursday and Friday at 7:15.

The picture of the Clubs will be taken this afternoon in Commons Hal at 1:15 sharp. Members are requested to put on dress suits immediately after one o'clock recitations. Orders for pictures may be left with Manager Boone. Another cut in the personnel will be made shortly following the Thanksgiving holidays.

NEW D. U. HOUSE STARTED.

A Thoroughly Up-to-date Fraternity House to Room Eight Men.

Following the completion of the survey work, excavating was begun for the construction of the new chapter house of the Delta Upsilon fraternity early last week. A gang of men under the direction of Mr. Lloyd of Utica, who has the contract for the entire building, began work at the northeast corner of the Campus near Alpha Delta Phoi Hall, and by yesterday had made considerable progress in the excavating. A temporary tool house has been erected and much of the brick to be used in the foundations has been drawn up the Hill. It is Mr. Lloyd's plan to finish the work of building the foundations before winter weather sets in and the ground becomes too hard for digging. Early in the spring active construction will be resumed and by the first of September it is hoped that the new building will be ready for occupancy. Members of the Delta Upsilon fraternity plan to occupy their house when College opens in the fall.

The plans, which were prepared by Architect Gouge of Utica, who designed a number of the College buildings, call for a thoroughly up-to-date fraternity house, suitable for occupancy by at least eight men, the number, it is understood, which will actually live in it. Specifications include a ballroom, which could be converted into a dining room in case the ban of the trustees regarding the serving of meals on the Campus should be raised. A kitchen will be located in the basement.

Besides the ballroom, on the first floor will be situated a parlor, a library and possibly a room which will be devoted to billiards and other games. According to present plans the second floor will be given over entirely to studies, while the sleeping rooms will be located on the third floor.

SIGNALS WORKING FINELY

Mugs and Regin Eliminated—Dunder-Dri Machine Well Oiled, Going Strongly With Open Exhaust.

Feverish excitement has marked the progress of the bridge tournament Gloomy members of the "Also Rans" club gather in 19 South to watch the bulletin board as the returns are telegraphed from Life headquarters at the close of each match. These crowds vie in morbid excitement with the prevalent mackinaw lottery fanatics. An unusually violent outburst followed the news that the Drummond-Watkins team had gone to defeat at the hands of the Griswold-Hahn combination. "Sliver" and "Drum", the promoters, have now both been plucked, but "Sliver" has organized a consolation tournament for his team and the others who were beaten in in the first round. The first round of this match must be played off before Thanksgiving (schedule posted in 19 South).

As a whole the signal system advocated by Life is working smoothly and is not too glaringly apparent, though sometimes on a pass make no-trumps are declared from Jack high. At crucial moments in the Mugs-Regin vs. Clancy-'Ratious match from the atmosphere blue with smoke and excitement, Don's sylph-like voice could be heard mumbling, "Change signals," this being apparently the signal for a plunging cross ruff. The matches have been unusually close through the tournament, and it is reported that few of those still in the fighting ranks will leave the Hill for Thanksgiving. The following is the score to date:

First Round.

Wenigmann, Kultchar win from Evans, McGibeny.

Thompson, Thomas win from Boone, Bates.

Griswold, Hahn win from Ogden, Jessup.

Drummond, Watkins win from Baird, Lewis.

Connell, D. Root win from Patteson, D. Root.

Mason, Regin win from Knox, Blackmar.

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CHESS CLUB TOURNAMENT.

Officers of Club Wish Apportionment From Advisory Board.

The standing in the College Tournament of the Chess Club is as follows:

	W	L	%
Dayton, '14,	11½	5½	.676
Grant, '12,	2	1	.666
Blackmar, '13,	3	2	.600
DuBordeau, '12,	4	4	.500
Adams, '12,	3	3	.500
Griswold, '13,	1	1	.500
Walker, '14,	1½	2½	.250
Plant, '12,	0	0	.000
Callahan, '14,	0	1	.000
Patteson, '12,	0	2	.000
Clapp, '13,	0	2	.000
Clark, '13,	0	2	.000

The officers for the year are President, Adams, '12; Secretary, Dayton, '14, and Treasurer, DuBordeau, '12. The College Tournament is well started and will be finished by Christmas. The highest man will become the college champion and the four highest will become the college team. Secretary Dayton has written to R. F. I. concerning a match and expects an answer this week. Mr. Watson of Clinton, who has taken a deep interest in the Club, has written to Mr. Rice of New York, the promoter of intercollegiate chess, in regard to Hamilton's being represented in the matches this winter. Mr. Rice presented the board and chessmen now being used in the Y. M. C. A.

At the spring meeting of the Athletic Association the Chess Club will make an effort to be taken into the Association. There are good reasons for this: In the first place, every other college activity is represented except the Charlatans; second, the Club will have a much better chance of becoming a permanent organization if upheld by the Association; thirdly, the expenses would be very small, as the only expenses would be carfare for not more than four men for two or three trips a year. The only objection that could be raised is that by taking the Club in, it would make the Advisory Board more unwieldy than it now is. The officers of the Club say that they do not care about a vote on the board, if they could only have a small apportionment each year that they might play other colleges.

Mr. Watson entertained the Club at his home in Clinton last evening, playing simultaneously with several men.

—Last Thursday evening, Thompson, '12, entertained the members of the Square and Martin, '11, at a theatre and dinner party at Utica.

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Number of Freshmen that smoke habitually 24, occasionally 1, never 25

Number of football men that smoke habitually 25, never 6.

Number of men standing Honor and above that smoke habitually 16, never 12.

Number of Faculty that smoke habitually 7, occasionally 4, never 9.

DR. A. P. SAUNDERS' MUSICAL.

A quartet, consisting of Prof. A. P. Saunders, Prof. Fred. Saunders of Syracuse University, Prof. Ernst Mahr of Syracuse University and Heidner, '13, gave a very enjoyable musical at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Saunders last Saturday evening. The program was as follows:

1. "C" Major, Mozart.
2. Quenten Quartet, Haydn.

Intermission.

3. Kaiser's Variations of the Austrian National Hymn.
4. Selection from "D" Major, Mozart.

During the intermission refreshments were served. Among those present were Dr. Wood, Dr. and Mrs. Hastings, Dr. and Mrs. Lewis, Dr. Shearer, Dr. Ibbotson, and about twenty-five or thirty of the college students.

—The football picture was taken at Gibbon's gallery on Saturday.

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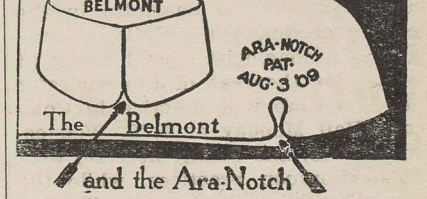

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EDITORIAL.

Inasmuch as many fellows are anxious that the Bowling Alleys be opened, those who have charge this year should at least signify their intention to permit bowling or resign their appointments.

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Several weeks ago a committee was appointed from some source or other to have charge of repairing the walk on the lower stretch of the Hill. It seems beyond all reasonable doubt that this work could have been finished before this. It assuredly should have been. With the coasting season already upon us the matter ought to be attended to immediately. Let us avoid the contingency of accident and do it now!

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Captain Stone.

After the football picture last Saturday afternoon, Donald Stone, '13, was elected captain for the coming year. Stone should fill the position well. Well liked by the entire squad, he also commands respect for his uniformly hard, earnest work. Stone has played for three years: as subquarter his Freshman year, as regular quarter a year ago, and as regular left halfback this fall. Because of his unfamiliarity with the requirements of a halfback, he rounded into his true form slowly, but against Union his running with the ball was a pleasure to witness. The Team will have a good leader next fall.

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The Library.

Under Professor Ibbotson's able management the Library is assuming an entirely new appearance. And that atmosphere of helpfulness and ready sympathy—new, entirely new. Old books, hitherto unclassified—unhonored and unsung, we were about to say—are being dusted and placed on shelves convenient to the searcher. With the help of his assistant, who before long will be engaged, Professor Ibbotson will carry out other changes not yet attempted but which will add to our pleasure. In fact, the Library soon will present a decidedly new impression.

That Library! Scurfed and avoided by the students! Shelter only of material for history reports and debates and of magazines! Surely the Library should perform a greater function to the College than it has in the near past. That by far the greater number of books drawn out contain only historical, economic and political treatises is truly not a good criterion for the literary taste of the College. The day has passed, to be sure, when every student had always in his pocket a volume of classics, but we would do well not to push our neglectful attitude too far.

Co-operating with Professor Ibbotson in his desire that the Library be more used, Life will publish from time to time short reviews of books received—or found—which are likely to be of general interest to the College.

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And Still Again as to Deals.

Following the suggestion of Life that measures be taken to crystallize the probable sentiment of the College that deals should not be allowed to exist, a number of Seniors—every crowd being represented—met Sunday morning to discuss informally the possibility of instituting some such scheme as was proposed by Life. As was expected, several objections to the compact method were raised. But no need to discuss at length the objections. Principal among them, however, was the difficulty in obtaining an exact definition of a deal. To do this to the entire satisfaction of the College and yet to settle on one which will, if agreed to, eliminate deals will be the one great obstacle to overcome, for, so far as could be ascertained in the discussion Sunday, no crowd was unwilling to sign a compact if it were satisfactory.

The great trouble is that almost every crowd fears that a compact would be merely a cloak to conceal the machinations of a few crowds who broke the contract. Life does not believe that such would be the case, but, no matter; for the present, the promotion of the scheme along with the details of formulating the compact are left in the hands of a committee composed of Drummond, chairman, Walker and Bedenkapp.

Each crowd, however, is asked to discuss thoroughly the scheme and without taking formal action, ascertain whether all its members are willing to help put the scheme into operation.

THE MUSTACHE CLUB REVIVED.

There comes a time in the affairs of man, when, according to biblical lore, he puts away childish things and assumes the masque of sapient maturity.

In former years men were wont to come here, full-grown men of twenty-five, mayhap, sagacious and inured to worldly vice. Then the mark of attained manhood was the mustache—a bristling, homely little mass of hair which protruded, sometimes, from the upper lip and lay in utter defection all over the chin and cheek of its proud irrigator.

"Dutch" Wenigmann, blatant exponent of ancient custom, started the hair abristling some four weeks ago. In absolute justice to "Dutch" you'll have to agree he has succeeded well. Even "Bill" Squires has desisted from publicly "scurfing" him

In connection with mustaches—vaguely reminiscent of the 1910 J. E. P. Clubs—have you heard about "Dri" and his efforts? He can't raise one. That's it, short and trite. He can't do it, not with the aid of infinite applications of the conventionally advocated cosmetics. It really would add local prestige to the Glee Club to have a Caruso-like hair lip bobbing in rhythmic accord to the Campus Medley. But it's not to be. Even so! We all know why.

—Prof. Shepard expects to move into his new home during the Christmas holidays. At the same time Prof. Fitch will move into the Welch place.

SIGNALS WORKING SMOOTHLY.

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Grant, Peters win from Callahan, Dayton.

Bristol, Riddell win from Higley, Adams.

Myer, Stone win from Walker, Plant.

Eells, J. Calder win from Batchelor, C Thompson.

Second Round.

Wenigmann, Kultchar vs. Thompson, Thomas, not yet played.

Griswold, Hahn win from Drummond, Watkins.

Connell, Root win from Mason, Regin.

Grant, Peters vs. Bristol, Riddell, not yet played.

Myer, Stone win from Eells, Calder.

DEBATING ACTIVITY.

The question for the Triangular Debate League having been announced preparations are under way for the selection of the teams which will represent Hamilton against Colgate and Union. The question is "Resolved, That the Sherman Anti-Trust Law should be repealed."

This same question will be at issue in the try-outs to be held December 9th. The try-outs will be open to every man who may appear and speak on either side of the question.

Members of the inter-class teams will also be selected by the Debate Council on the basis of this trial. The inter-class debate will take place on January 10th on the same subject as the intercollegiate debates. Four men and an alternate will compose each class team.

The Debate Council, which will pick both class and college teams, consists of Professor Lewis, chairman, Dr. Squires, Dr. Davenport, Dr. Wood and Dr. Shearer.

TENNIS COUNTS & BASKETBALL.

The Department of Intra-mural Sports has been able at last to secure the long needed improvement of the tennis courts. For the past week several teams have been hauling clay hillward and now the exponents of the racquet and ball may feel confident that the repairs will ultimately be accomplished.

Manager Cross has repaired the baskets in the Gymnasium and the class teams are practicing daily for the series of interclass games that will be played shortly after Thanksgiving. The schedule will be announced later.

BIOLOGY COURSE GETS LANTERN

Already Department Has 250 Slides and More Will be Added Soon.

At a cost of about $250 a new projecting lantern has been installed at the biological laboratory under the direction of Professors Morrill and S. J. Saunders. The instrument is known as the Baloptican D and is manufactured by the Bausch & Lomb Optical Company. At present there are 150 slides on hand for the operation of the instrument and more will be added from time to time. An arrangement of curtains and a large drop to obstruct the light from overhead permit the perfect use of the machine at any time during the day. The instrument has been tested by the professors, the wiring for the electric current having been completed. Oxy-hydrogen light can, also, be used and probably will be most of the time.

The machine has several valuable attachments. Aside from the regular lantern slides, it is possible to use opaque objects such as dissections or small models, or even an illustration in a book, by merely inserting the object in the back of the instrument. A microscopic attachment is also provided for, whereby the small microscopic slides can be inserted in the lantern and thrown upon the canvass in a picture three feet in diameter. The lantern can accommodate slides and objects up to 4½ by 5 inches, making a picture as above stated.

Dr. Morrill states that the lantern slides will be used chiefly in the work in general biology and elementary botany and zoology, while for the more advanced work the other attachments will be used. The instrument is a valuable addition to this department, not only as a saver of time but also because the objects to be illustrated can be shown much more clearly to the student. Aside from a small appropriation from the college, the payment of the machine was made entirely from this department.

DELTA UPSILON INFORMAL.

The Hamilton Chapter of Delta Upsilon held an informal dance at the Chapter House on Friday evening, November 24th. The patronesses were Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. Jacobs of Utica and Mrs. Chase and Mrs. A. P. Saunders of Clinton. The other guests were Prof. Chase, Prof. A. P. Saunders, Prof. and Mrs. Seely-Brown, Prof. and Mrs. Hastings, Prof. and Mrs. Shepard, Prof. Wood, Prof. MacHarg, Prof. Shearer, Miss Root of Albany, Miss Brokaw of New Brunswick, Miss Brown of Rochester, Miss Corcoran of Rome, Miss Berry, Miss Emily Bielby, Miss Cobb, and Miss Parker of Syracuse, Miss Eggleston, Miss Harvey, Miss Jacobs, Miss Latcher, Miss Nelson, Miss H. Thomas, Miss K. Thomas, and Miss Sauer of Utica, Mosher, '99, and Fawcett, '11. Bergner of Utica furnished the music and Wallace of Clinton was the caterer.

NEW BOOKS IN LIBRARY.

So far this year the Library has acquired about six hundred new volumes widely varying in subject. Among the new editions of standard authors is a handsome set of Tolstoi in twelve volumes. The Centenary Edition of Dickens is now complete. "Marie Claire" (in the French) the book by Marguerite Audoux which has created such a furor that it has already within a few months, passed through sixty-four editions, is among the new French volumes. Two new books on sport are "Football" by Parke H. Davis, a study of the great American game, and "Greek Athletic Sports and Festivals", which is an interesting examination of the ancient Greek sports and the significance of athletics in Greece. "The King's Classics" are modern translations of mediaeval Latin student songs, ancient lore, etc. Those who have read the "Songs of Vagabondia" will enjoy "The Pipes of Pan", a new collection of verse by Bliss Carmen.

Among the new reference books "The Statesman's Year Book" will prove of great usefulness. It is entitled "A Statistical and Historical Annual of the World for 1911". Its 1400 pages are packed with well indexed information. A number of the latest books on social and economic questions are on the "New Books" shelf, with several important works on higher mathematics. Teubner's Bibliothico Scriptorum Romanorum, complete in a hundred and eighty volumes, is a carefully edited compilation of practically the entire Latin literature from the Republic till the middle ages. It is a valuable set.

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LOCAL DEPARTMENT

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HILL NOTES.

—Professor Lewis is speaking in several cities in the southern part of the State this week. He will be absent at the regular Wednesday Chapel tomorrow, Marsh, '12, taking his place.

—The Glee Club picture will be taken after lunch today in Commons Hall.

—Crothers, '15, while sliding down the Hill on Monday noon of last week, was seriously injured in an accident. The muscles in his right leg were torn and he has been confined to his room for the past week.

—Sherwin, '67, spent last week on the Hill.

—Laforce, '14, has gone to his home in Kansas City and will probably not return until next year. He is still suffering from injuries received in the Hobart game.

—The French Club met last Friday night at the house of Prof. Shepard, finishing "Le Barbier de Seville" and reading the one-act comedy, "La Grammaire." Blackmar and Stone of '13 have been taken into the Club.

TRY-OUTS FOR CHARLATANS.

This afternoon at four o'clock in Commons Hall a committee of judges consisting of Prof. and Mrs. Shepard, Professors Scollard and Chase and Thomas S. Jones, Jr., of Utica, will hear the various aspirants for roles in the coming production of the Charlatans and determine just what men are best fitted for parts.

The system of try-outs is an innovation for dramatics at Hamilton and will undoubtedly be of material assistance in the accurate and impartial selection of men. Each candidate for a part will deliver with the essential "business" a scene which has been assigned to him. In some cases an entire scene will be presented by all the necessary characters. In others the "cues" will be given by members of the committee. All men trying out for feminine parts will appear in skirts.

The interest exhibited in the production of "The Westerner" is most gratifying to members of the Charlatans and it is predicted that with the spirit of the College behind the organization a failure is wellnigh impossible.

PREX'S ETHICS LECTURE.

Being a True Account of the Doings and Undoings in Said Lecture.

Somehow it's impossibly incongruous—this class in Senior ethics. En masse they stroll from Chapel, Ahlheim walking in advance with "Prex" smiling amiably and displaying a nongrafted Key to the fury of the north Wind. "Mug" Mason is telling a mirth-provoking anecdote to Dorrance and "Nib" Pratt. "Drum" and "Clancy" are taking alternate drags on a sickly-looking Fatima, sole remnant of the superfluous packages of the evening before. "Bud" Walker is reading a magazine-like letter from Washington, D. C., while 'Jim" Grant, who is walking by his side, casts occasional glances at the letter in vain hope of purloining some endearing phrase. Savors of moral philosophy, all this, doesn't it?

Introductory to the lecture, "Prex" modestly states that he comprehends nothing of Hegel's philosophy, himself. "Dunder," eager face thrust forward, with soulful eyes, "thinks himself into a state of nothingness." "Very well, we'll begin," continues His Nibs and the class settles down to an hour of profligate idleness.

Don Root, Prex's prize debater, sits directly in front of the lecturer and agrees noddingly with the tautological platitudes that roll over the edge of the desk. Thomas turns and spatters ink on Connell. In consequence Thomas learns his own pedigree and his ultimate destination; Regin admires the European history map and Parker, dreamily gazing at the ceiling, mouth open, nostrils lazily lapping in the ozone, contemplates the coming D. U. dance and mentally calculates his chance of learning to Boston during the ever-narrowing interim. McGovern, "Nibble" Pratt and Bedenkapp shut their eyes and dose just as Prex arrives at the formative period of the hour, a cryptic dissertation on the Pantheistic, metaphysical expounding of the infinitesimal sublimity of zero. Easingwood and George Riley watch Prex carefully to detect him in some gross error of statement. "Jack" West, with the customary monocled, nonchalant expression of the Strand, squirms in his seat incessantly, adjusts his garter and from his expression is saying, "It's a dom bore." "Hank" Watkins nods approvingly at Chas. Root, who by suggestive gestures and facial distortion, indicates his ardent desire for the makings. Prex questions "Bud" upon the transmigration of souls, just as the hour ends, and "Bud" lingers to ask if souls can migrate during life. "Can that ephemeral, vagrant, filmy substance we call soul migrate any distance—as far as Washington, for example, and there find response?" asks "Bud", pensively earnest.

This is a college education. Great accessory, this course, to the cumulative knowledge of the earlier years.

"You can send a boy to college
But you can't make him think."

sing Thomas and Mason in discordant exultation over in front of the chapel. There, deciding that work enough has been done for one day, they hie off to Larry's for a game of pool. College training. Papa's pennies. Just think of all this incongruity. Really it's mighty funny.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Martin, '11, led the Y. M. C. A. prayer meeting last Sunday afternoon. His subject was "What is worth while?"—Luke 9:25.

After the meeting the delegates to the Student Volunteer Convention at Auburn talked over their plans.

—Gould, '11, was operated upon for appendicitis Friday.

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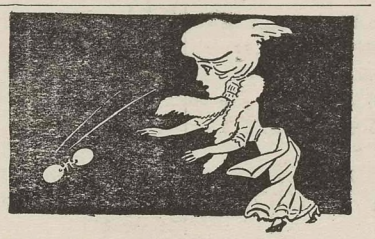

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